

Finance Committee
February 26, 2021

The Finance Committee met Friday, February 26, 2021 at 12:00 PM in The Sunshine Room of the Jackson Parish Police Jury Administrative Building, 160 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Members present: Ms. Amy Magee, Mr. John McCarty, and Ms. Tarneshala Cowans. Absent: none.

The Chairman called the meeting to order. Mr. McCarty gave the invocation and Ms. Magee led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments.

The Chairman invited the Secretary-Treasurer to present the month-to-date financials. The Committee reviewed the funds' balances, and the Secretary-Treasurer discussed the timing of accruals. She stated that they were coming in favorably to the 2020 year-end forecast due to higher than projected revenues and that updated 2020 year-end reports would be reviewed at the March meeting. The Committee reviewed the monthly purchase orders and discussed month-to-date budget vs. actual.

Motion Ms. Magee, seconded Mr. McCarty to recommend the Jury authorize the President to execute the 2021 Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the LSU Ag Center for \$10,000 as budgeted. Motion carried.

The Committee reviewed the proposal from Acadian Fleet Management to upgrade the GPS devices in the fleet for a 2-year contract commitment.

Motion Mr. McCarty, seconded Ms. Magee to recommend the Jury authorize the President to execute the 2-year contract with Acadian Fleet Management in exchange for upgraded GPS devices. Motion carried.

The Committee reviewed the proposal for a credit card system to enable the Police Jury to accept electronic and on-line payments. The Secretary-Treasurer stated that this system could be covered under the CARES act because it enables electronic forms of payment and reduces contact.

Motion Ms. Magee, seconded Mr. McCarty to recommend the Jury authorize the President to execute the contract with FISERV for a credit card system. Motion carried.

The Committee discussed upcoming grant opportunities.

The Chairman invited Ms. Tammy Collinworth, member of the North Delta Regional Planning Commission Board, to present information about the North Louisiana Economic Development grant. She presented the eligibility information for projects and discussed the need for the municipalities to submit projects. She stated the board's preference for infrastructure projects, especially for water systems. The Committee discussed applying for maintenance on the remaining portion of Gansville Road from Industrial Drive to the airport.

Ms. Magee stated that she had notified the Town of Jonesboro and Alderman Nia Johnson about the opportunity.

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the information for the LCDBG grant for HVAC units and requested that the Police Jury submit an application for the remaining air handling units at the courthouse to be replace and/or upgraded.

Motion Mr. McCarty, seconded Ms. Magee to recommend the Police Jury submit grant applications for the maintenance of Gansville Road and for the courthouse air handling units. Motion carried.

The Committee reviewed the appraisal for the land adjacent to the Blake Building for a value of \$19,750. Ms. Magee said she did not see a benefit to them owning the property. Mr. McCarty said that he would like to see the price come down.

Motion Ms. Magee, seconded Mr. McCarty to recommend the Police Jury decline the offer to purchase the land adjacent to the Blake Building. Motion carried.

The Committee reviewed the letter of request from the Jackson Parish Library for financial emancipation. Ms. Magee stated that she does not want to proceed with this until the Parish Attorney has time to review it.

Motion Ms. Magee, seconded Mr. McCarty to table discussion on the Library's request for financial emancipation until the Parish Attorney can provide guidance. Motion carried.

The date and time for the next Finance Committee was set for Friday, March 19th at 12:00 PM.

Motion Ms. Magee, seconded Mr. McCarty to adjourn. Motion carried.